

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

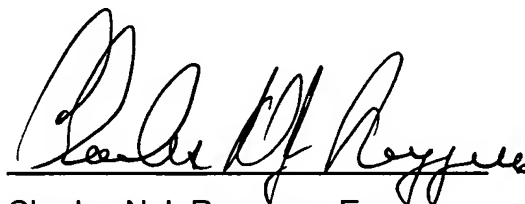
Claims 41 through 65 are pending in this application.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 41, 48, 51, 58, and 60 through 62 are allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the double patenting rejection set forth in the Office Action and claims 42 through 47, 49, 50, 52 through 59, 59, 63 through 65 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Office Action rejects claims 41, 48, 51, 58, and 60 through 62 under the non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting rejection as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 4, 12 through 14, 25 through 26, 29 through 30 and 31 of Renz (U.S. Patent No. 6,616,319 B2). A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith as agreed in the telephone interview with the Examiner of August 25, 2004 to overcome the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all claims present in this application are patentable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

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